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1. SUMMARY. FRENCH HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, BUT STILL NO
GSTP REPLY TO US OFFER ALONG SIMILAR LINES. PROPOSE
SEND EMBOFF TO SAO TOME TO OBTAIN GSTP DECISION. ACTION
REQUESTED: SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBOFF TO AGREE ON TEXT WITH GSTP.
END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY LIBREVILLE PUBLISHED "JOINT COMMUNIQUE"
JULY 28 ANNOUNCING ESTABLISHING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL BETWEEN GOF AND GOVERNMENT OF SAO
TOME AND PRINCIPE (GSTP) "IN ORDER DEVELOP RELATIONS OF
COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP AND PROMOTE SATISFACTORY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH REGARD TO NEEDS OF POPULATION."

3. ACCORDING FRENCH AMBASSADOR, WHO REPRESENTED GOG
AT JULY 12 SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES,
HE CONVEYED TO DA COSTA AT THAT TIME ESSENTIALLY SAME
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PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER, I.E.,

TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TO ACCREDIT
AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN LIBREVILLE. HAVING RECEIVED NO
REPLY, HE SENT MEMBER OF HIS STAFF TO SAO TOME OVER PAST
WEEKEND, AND LATTER SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING GSTP AGREEMENT
BOTH TO FRENCH PROPOSAL AND TO PROMPT ISSUANCE OF
JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR CREDENTIALS
PRESENTATION IN SAO TOME AND ASSUMES HE WILL HAVE TO
SEND MEMBER OF STAFF TO ISLAND AGAIN TO MAKE FURTHER
ARRANGEMENTS.

5. FRENCH EXPECT CONSULT WITH UNDP REPRESENTATIVE HERE
(WHO ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE) BEFORE
DEVELOPING PLANS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. GOF INDEPENDENCE
GIFT TO GSTP CONSISTED OF "SOME CARS" URGENTLY NEEDED TO
HANDLE GUESTS INVITED TO CELEBRATIONS, BUT ADDITIONAL
PROMISES ARE IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY.

6. COMMENT: LIKE FRENCH, WE ARE STILL WITHOUT REPLY
TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER PROPOSING OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND GSTP. SINCE MLSTP OFFICE IN
LIBREVILLE HAS BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY CLOSED DOWN
(AND NOT YET REPLACED BY DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION),
BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW FRENCH EXAMPLE AND SEND
EMBOFF TO SAO TOME IN ORDER EXTRACT GSTP DECISION ON
PRESIDENT'S OFFER.

7. UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE WILL THEREFORE
PLAN TO SEND EMBOFF TO SAO TOME SHORTLY AFTER
AMBASSADOR HAS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS IN LIBREVILLE.
IF PRESENTATION HERE TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK AS ANTICIPATED,
EMBOFF WOULD FLY TO SAO TOME ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, WHICH
IS BEST AVAILABLE WEEKLY SERVICE. ALTERNATIVELY, IF
CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION HERE DELAYED, TRIP WOULD BE
DEFERRED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 15.

8. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING GSTP AGREEMENT TO PRESIDENT'S
PROPOSAL, EMBOFF SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO JOINT
COMMUNIQUE ALONG LINES OF GOF-GSTP RELEASE SINCE AD
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REFERENDUM TEXT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER TRIP TO SAO TOME
TO CONVEY AGREEMENT TO GSTP. TO THIS END, WOULD APPRE-
CIATE (A) DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON APPROPRIATE
LANGUAGE AND (B) AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBOFF TO SETTLE
LANGUAGE ON THE SPOT WITH GSTP. DATE FOR PUBLICATION OF
COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE SET FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT
SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN SAO TOME AND WASHINGTON.
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